

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION III
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SUBJECT: Meeting With Lansdowne Borough
On Uranium-Contaminated Ground Water

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A meeting was held on June 22, 1994 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lansdowne Borough Municipal Building to discuss the finding of uranium contamination in the ground water in the vicinity of the former Cummings processing facility. Attendees at the meeting included Mayor John Rankin; several Borough Council members including Mark DuFrayne; Region 3 Community Relations Coordinator Leanne Nurse; Intergovernmental Liason Chris Thomas; and myself.

The Borough officials were presented with a copy of a letter dated June 20, 1994 addressed to Mayor Rankin which requests the Borough's assistance in determining whether any ground water wells exist in the vicinity of the former Cummings facility. They were also given a sketch of the Austin Avenue/South Union Avenue area showing the locations of current groundwater sampling points and the uranium concentrations at those points. The Borough officials verbally indicated that there might be one or two ground water wells in that area of the Borough. The EPA officials explained our tentative plans for ground water investigation and radon monitoring in the area. We also pointed out that only persons actually drinking the uranium-contaminated ground water might be affected by the uranium, and that there is a possibility of elevated radon levels in the houses in the immediate vicinity (downgradient) of the former Cummings facility.

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